

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-10, 12 and 14-42 are pending. Claims 2, 4, 16, 17 and 19-22 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 30 are independent.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED

Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicants' representative on October 12, 2005.

CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 8 and 30 are amended simply to explicitly recite features that were implicitly present. In other words, the claims are for clarification purposes only.

§ 102 REJECTION – YAMAGUCHI

Claims 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yamaguchi (Translation of JP 64-007792). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Independent claim 30 recites, in part “wherein full image data from both the first and second image-capturing units are captured simultaneously and

the simultaneously captured image data are stored while in the multi-lens camera mode.” At the interview, it was demonstrated that Yamaguchi cannot teach or suggest storing images that are captured at the same time by multiple lenses. Therefore, Yamaguchi cannot teach or suggest the above-recited feature and claim 30 is distinguishable over Yamaguchi.

Claim 31 depends from independent claim 30. Therefore, for at least the reasons stated with respect to claim 30, claim 31 is also distinguishable over Yamaguchi.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 30 and 31 based on Yamaguchi be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION – SUEMOTO, IWASHITA, VOCKENHUBER, YAMAGUCHI

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Suemoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,067), Iwashita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,148,072), Vockenhuber (U.S. Patent No. 4,148,072) and Yamaguchi. Applicants respectfully traverse.

In this instance, independent claim 1 recites, in part “wherein full image data from both the first and second image-capturing units are captured simultaneously and the simultaneously captured image data are stored while in the multi-lens camera mode.” As demonstrated during the interview and noted above, Yamaguchi cannot teach or suggest at least this feature.

None of none of Suemoto, Iwashita and Vockenhuber can be relied upon to correct for at least this deficiency of Yamaguchi. For at least this reason, independent claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi.

Claims 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18 depend from independent claim 1 directly or indirectly. Therefore, for at least the reasons stated with respect to independent claim 1, these dependent claims are also distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18 based on Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION – SUEMOTO, IWASHITA, VOCKENHUBER, YAMAGUCHI, KANEKO

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Kaneko (U.S. Patent No. 4,920,371). Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is noted that claim 8 depends from claim 1, and it has been shown above that claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi. Kaneko has not been, and indeed cannot be, relied upon to correct for at least the above-noted deficiencies of

Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi. Thus, claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Kaneko. For at least due to the dependency thereon, claim 8 is also distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Kaneko.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 8 based on Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Kaneko be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION – SUEMOTO, IWASHITA, VOCKENHUBER, YAMAGUCHI, ISHIKAWA

Claims 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Ishikawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,650). Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is noted that claims 23-26 depend from claim 1 directly or indirectly. It has also been shown above that claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi. Ishikawa has not been, and indeed cannot be, relied upon to correct for at least the above-noted deficiencies of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi. Thus, claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Ishikawa. For at least due to the dependency

thereon, claims 23-26 are also distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Ishikawa.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 23-26 based on Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Ishikawa be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION – SUEMOTO, IWASHITA, VOCKENHUBER, YAMAGUCHI, FELLAGARA

Claims 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Fellegara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,441,854). Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is noted that claims 27-29 depend from claim 1 directly or indirectly. It has also been shown above that claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi. Fellegara has not been, and indeed cannot be, relied upon to correct for at least the above-noted deficiencies of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber and Yamaguchi. Thus, claim 1 is distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Fellegara. For at least due to the dependency thereon, claims 27-29 are also distinguishable over the combination of Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Fellegara.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 27-29 based on Suemoto, Iwashita, Vockenhuber, Yamaguchi and Fellegara be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION –YAMAGUCHI, ISHIKAWA

Claims 32-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamaguchi and Ishikawa. Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is noted that claims 32-35 depend from independent claim 30 directly or indirectly. It has also been shown above that claim 30 is distinguishable over Yamaguchi. Ishikawa has not been, and indeed cannot be, relied upon to correct for at least the above-noted deficiencies of Yamaguchi. Thus, claim 30 is distinguishable over the combination of Yamaguchi and Ishikawa. For at least due to the dependency thereon, claims 32-35 are also distinguishable over the combination of Yamaguchi and Ishikawa.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 32-35 are based on Yamaguchi and Ishikawa be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION –YAMAGUCHI, FELLAGARA

Claims 36-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamaguchi and Fellegara. Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is noted that claims 36-38 depend from independent claim 30 directly or indirectly. It has also been shown above that claim 30 is distinguishable over Yamaguchi. Fellegara has not been, and indeed cannot be, relied upon to correct for at least the above-noted deficiencies of Yamaguchi. Thus, claim 30

is distinguishable over the combination of Yamaguchi and Fellegara. For at least due to the dependency thereon, claims 36-38 are also distinguishable over the combination of Yamaguchi and Fellegara.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 36-38 are based on Yamaguchi and Fellegara be withdrawn.

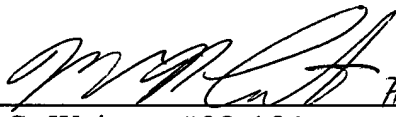
CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Final Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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